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Important Notice to Applicants for the Following MDE Permits:

Rubble Landfill Permit
Industrial Landfill Permit
Municipal Landfill Permit
Solid Waste Incinerator Permit
Landclearing Debris Landfill Permit
Municipal Groundwater Discharge Permit
NPDES Municipal Surface Water Discharge Permit

About MDE's Predictable Permitting Services Program

As part of an ongoing effort to improve service to permitting customers, MDE has established the Predictable Permitting Services Program in accordance with §1-607 of the Environment Article. As an applicant for one of the permits listed above, you are eligible to participate in this program. Here's how it works: When requested, MDE will provide a date by which a tentative determination is expected to be published, barring delays beyond MDE's control. Please note that a tentative determination is not a permit. The length of time between MDE's publication of a tentative determination and the issuance of the permit depends on the extent of public interest in the permit application.

Please keep in mind also that, unfortunately, many permit delays are caused by factors beyond MDE's control. Ask your MDE permit writer about ways to minimize these delays. These factors include:

- Reviews and approvals by federal, local or other state agencies;
- Requirements for public participation; and
- Delays in receiving information needed from permit applicants.

To participate in this program, include a written request for an estimated tentative determination time with the permit application. Applicants should be assured that an application will be handled as expeditiously as possible, and does not depend on participation in the program. MDE is committed to providing all applicants with excellent permitting services. This program is intended to highlight MDE's commitment to providing predictable, common sense permitting services. For more information, call your MDE permit writer or the Environmental Permits Service Center at 410-537-3772.

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